

7A, there is a small annular space 216 provided in the second collar portion 102' which is enclosed when the second collar portion 102' is advanced down over the first collar portion 100'. The space 216 is located between an annular corner 224, where the flat surface 210 of the first collar portion 100' and the thread 108' meet, and the annular edge 226, where the flat surface 212 of the second collar portion and the thread 106' meet. The annular space 216 is filled with a sealing material 222, which is preferably neoprene rubber that is compressed in the space 216 as the first and second collar portions are threaded together. In the second embodiment 200, the flat surfaces 210 and 212 directly abut so that the sealing material 222 does not extend between the flat surfaces 210 and 212. The sealing material 222 prevents water under high pressure, up to 400 lbs/in², from escaping at high velocity between the abutting flat surfaces 210 and 212 and possibly injuring firemen or bystanders.